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**Inquiry:** At our hospital we have been performing wound care, which incorporates debridement when associated with Hyperbaric treatments. I am aware that other hospitals across the nation employ respiratory care practitioners (RCP) exclusively for wound care rather than have the expense of a registered nurse for this purpose. We would appreciate your providing us with a letter that will justify the continued acceptance for an RCP, with proper education and training in debridement and wound care, to perform this service.

**Response:** In response to your question regarding wound care, there is no prohibition for this activity in the Respiratory Care Practice Act or its regulations; that is, the Respiratory Care Practice Act is mute on this matter.

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